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\$500,000 FIRE; PAHOA MILL BURNS

MIDNIGHT BLAZE IS TERRIFIC

Great Mills and Yards Full of Costly Koa Timber Go Up in Smoke—Origin of Fire Is Not Yet Known—Industry Dealt Another of Series of Hard Blows

[Special Star-Bulletin Wire] Hilo, Jan. 29.—Fire of unknown origin, starting at midnight last night, completely destroyed the Pahoa lumber mill, burned about 4,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber and damaged the home of Manager Sam Johnson. The railway station, it is stated here, was undamaged, and no one was seriously injured. The total loss is estimated roughly at \$500,000.

Starting near the pumps, the flames cut off all opportunity for effective fire-fighting before they were discovered. A number of other buildings are reported to have caught fire from the burning embers carried out by the wind and to have burned to the ground.

F. B. McStocker, secretary of the Hawaiian Development Company, which owned the mill, stated this morning that it carried absolutely no insurance and that whatever damage is done to the lumber or the mill or machinery will be a total loss. He estimates the value of the mill and its machinery alone at about \$60,000 to \$70,000.

It is understood that a large quantity of koa hardwood timber, cut off a distant tract belonging to the Bishop Estate, had just been moved down to the mill for cutting, and it is this which has been consumed; the loss will prove enormous.

James B. Castle, president and general manager of the owning company, and who is said to be by far the heaviest stockholder, left on the Mauna Kea at 10 o'clock this morning twenty minutes after the first word of the disaster came by wireless from the Big Island. Beyond the statement that the fire, starting at midnight, had destroyed the entire plant, this wireless carried no detailed information. It probably will be a matter of days or weeks before an estimate of the damage to the machinery can be reached.

Harold Castle, son of the company's president and who also is heavily interested in the mill left Honolulu less than an hour before the fearful fire less came. He departed at 9 o'clock this morning on the Mongolia for the coast as a member of the All-Hawaii polo team bound for the series of big games at Coronado and San Mateo.

May Not Rebuild.

Whether the firm will rebuild is a question that may not be determined for several weeks. Mr. McStocker, the secretary, stated this morning that the firm has a large acreage of hardwood timber in various sections throughout the western part of Hawaii, the tract at Pahoa containing approximately 10,000 acres of ohia, which has been the principal product turned out by the mill thus far.

The plant is comparatively young having been erected and new machinery installed only about three years ago, and Mr. McStocker estimated that there was sufficient timber in that tract to keep the mill busy for two years more. It had been employed principally in turning out ohia railroad ties and flooring and koa house finishings.

As a budding enterprise, a pioneer in the lumbering industry of a territory it is said the Hawaiian Development Company has encountered many vicissitudes, but after a long and arduous uphill struggle was just reaching the point where success seemed in sight. Despite the handicaps, the enterprise held the faith of many in the territory, who believed it could eventually be made a big industry in the islands.

One of those who had most faith in the proposition was J. B. Castle, who his friends estimate, has expended fully \$500,000 from his own pocket in assisting to make it a going concern.

Not the least part of the plant is the timber cutting machinery, the donkey engines and equipment used in preparing the logs and transporting

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INTER-ISLAND CO. REFUSES TO GRANT DEMANDS OF CAPTAINS



Pahoa lumber mill, Hawaiian Development Company's mill at Pahoa, Hawaii.

SAYS CITY IS FULL OF PITFALLS

Fred B. Smith in Parting Warns Against Pleasures and Easy Life of Honolulu—Points Out Possibilities for Great Good in Territory—Thanks All for Treatment Here

"It is not easy to appraise impressions upon the last day of such a constant campaign as we have been through in Honolulu, and which we are closing today," said Fred B. Smith, leader of the Men and Religion Forward Movement this morning, when asked to give his impression of the week of Christian work which has just been completed in this city. Messrs. Smith and Robins with the members of the National Association Quartet will leave for the Orient to complete their tour around the world of which Honolulu was the first stopping point.

"We may have better conclusions after we have had a few days of rest and the quiet of the sea," he went on to say. "But some are very vivid as we leave. First, the cordiality of our reception and cooperation which we have received. This can not soon be forgotten. Everything has been done

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DEMOCRATS ARE NOW WRANGLING IN THE RANKS

By C. S. ALBERT

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—The Democrats continue wrangling among themselves as to the best method of playing politics. The Republicans are doing little in that line but fun and amusement and consolation in watching the Democrats. The more blunders made by the now dominant party the better it will be for the Republicans four years hence.

The storm center of the struggle is the senate. The battle is between the new and old senators. Those just coming in fresh from the farm desire to root out the veterans and run affairs to suit themselves. They also seek to grab all the patronage and everything else there is going. This ambition threatens to create such bitter strife and feeling in the senate as to virtually obstruct the party and render it useless. This condition would certainly exist if the Republicans were presenting a solid front and one of them would aid the Democrats in the hour of dire necessity.

Even President-elect Wilson is credited with taking a hand in the quarrel and having made the announcement to Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, that he wanted the senate reorganized along strictly progressive lines. Mr. Owen is the most radical man in the senate and it is doubtful whether he correctly understood Gov-

Moros of Jolo Wound Four Troopers In Fight

[Associated Press] WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—The war department today received from Manila details of the battle fought with the insurgent Moros of Jolo by a detachment of cavalry. Four members of Troop M of the Eighth horse were seriously wounded by the Bolomen and may die. The fight followed an attack on the constabulary by the Moros, who cut up the local force badly, wounding several of them and, it is reported, killing one.

SUFFRAGETTE LEADERS SENTENCED TO JAIL

[Associated Press Cable] LONDON, Jan. 29.—General Drummond and a number of other suffragette leaders who were arrested yesterday for resisting an officer and for destroying property were sentenced today. General Drummond was sentenced to a fortnight in the Brixton and refused to purchase his freedom by the payment of a fine. The other members of his party followed suit and will all spend the same period of time in jail.

APPROVES CLOSED SEASON FOR THE PRIBILOFF SEALS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The house committee on fisheries today approved the president's recommendation that the United States declare a close season of five years on the seals that inhabit the Pribiloff Islands. It is probable that the measure providing for this will become a law.

MARRYING 'CON' GETS 6 MOS. AS BIGAMIST

Confessing his guilt as a bigamist and throwing himself on the mercy of the court, Jesse C. Steele this morning was sentenced by U. S. District Judge Clements to a servitude of six months in jail and to pay a fine of \$500. Among many who heard of the affair this morning surprise was expressed that the sentence was so light.

The hearing of Steele's case had been set for 2 o'clock this afternoon, but his early desire to withdraw his original plea of not guilty made the calling of the jury unnecessary. He was taken immediately into court and in the presence of the district attorney, his own counsel and a few spectators, announced his desire to alter the plea and submit to the court's decree.

The evidence prepared against him appeared sufficient to convict. Mrs. Steele of San Francisco, and her sister, Miss Cleland, whom the court had positively identified him as Mrs. Steele's husband and produced affidavits to show the legality of the marriage. He had never entered any denial of his marriage to the Portuguese girl in Honolulu last fall.

In the formal charge his name is written "Jesse C. Steele, otherwise known as James C. Steele, otherwise

RUPTURE OF CONFERENCE IS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

[Associated Press Cable] LONDON, Jan. 29.—The delegates from the allied Balkan states today decided to postpone indefinitely the presentation of the note finally rupturing negotiations with the Ottoman.

Private dispatches to authorities here report the serious discontent of the Turkish troops in the lines before Tchatalja. The men, it is said, are refusing to follow the leadership of the Young Turks, and are demanding that Enver Bey be made to pay the penalty of his murder of Nazim Pasha.

In the meantime the Powers are rushing all available warships to Constantinople, ostensibly for the purpose of guarding property and lives of Europeans there.

SAM GOMPERS DENOUNCES COMPULSORY ARBITRATION

[Associated Press Cable] NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Speaking before the National Civic Federation, Sam Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today denounced the plan for compulsory industrial arbitration which has been proposed by members of the association. His speech was extremely bitter. He said that the very essence of the idea was abhorrent to the ideas promulgated in the declaration of independence.

IMMIGRATION STATION MAY BE SCENE OF PLOT

Charges that a Japanese woman, a "picture bride" detained at the federal immigration station, had been a saulted by an employee of the station, thought to be a night watchman have been the subject of the most vigorous and thorough investigation for several days by Richard L. Halsey, inspector in charge, and his assistants. As a result of the investigation, statements have been made to a suspicion that the case is part of a sensational plot on the part of Japanese "white slavers" to get revenge for the recent campaign against them made by the federal authorities.

The woman is the case is Nodu, the wife of S. Kato, of Ewa, according to what details can be learned. She was admitted last Monday. The assault was said by her to have been committed a night or two previous, and the story first came out, it is said among the Japanese, when she told a friend at a Japanese hotel that during a night at the immigration station she had been insulted by a night watchman.

The complaint reached Inspector Halsey and the case was a once put under the probe. This morning evidence was being taken. However, neither Mr. Halsey nor any of his chief assistants will discuss the case. It has been learned that the assault

'MILITARY CANAL' IS SEEN BY CARTER

Ex-governor, Arrival today, Emphasizes Strategic Importance of Big Ditch

"Commerce is only an incident in the gigantic scheme for the joining of two oceans by means of the Panama canal," was one of several interesting statements coming from ex-governor George R. Carter, who is returning to Honolulu after an absence on the mainland, Jamaica and Panama canal zone, covering a period of four months.

"In spending four hundred millions of dollars, the United States government has far more reaching plans in view than affording a waterway for merchant marine from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

"The big problem soon to be solved with the opening of the canal within the coming year is the little connecting link between two oceans, thereby permitting the United States to carry out its plan of defense with a far smaller navy, the canal permitting a quick passage of its fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Looking the picture of health, and expressing himself as feeling fine and fit, ex-governor Carter declared this morning that he enjoyed every minute of the trip.

"I spent ten days at the canal zone, but manager to cover a considerable



George R. Carter

Who this morning returned from a prolonged trip during which he visited the Panama canal, the West Indies and parts of the mainland.

area, and was shown every courtesy by the Federal officials.

Carter Studies Health Conditions.

"Panama canal zone is well protected against the invasion of pestilence and infectious disease," admitted Mr. Carter. "They wrestled with the banana-tree problem at Panama, with

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CAPTAIN NELSON LANDS PEARL HARBOR JOB

Captain Richard Nelson, formerly one of the Inter-Island company's skippers, has landed a choice government plum that has been the cause for much local speculation and anticipation. He has been appointed harbor master and pilot for Pearl Harbor, a position which carries a salary of \$3,000, quarters, and the exclusive use of a powerboat.

Captain Nelson's appointment comes from the secretary of the navy, and is good until revoked by the appointing authority. He is the first man to hold the position at Pearl Harbor, the great naval base of the Pacific having now reached a stage of completion where it is necessary to make regulations for the shipping of the port, and also the services of a pilot thoroughly familiar with the intricacies of the entrance channel.

Comfortable quarters on the naval reservation go with the position, and altogether the billet is considered a most desirable one, and is to be preferred to even the command of one of the Inter-Island "liners." Captain Nelson will take up his new duties in

BARON KATO IS NEW FOREIGN MINISTER



Baron Takashi Kato
New minister of foreign affairs for Japan and man who will deal with the United States.

[Special Cable to the Nippon Jiji] TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 29.—Baron Takashi Kato, Japanese ambassador at the Court of St. James, who was recalled following the formation of Prince Katsura's new ministry, arrived here yesterday from London via the Trans-Siberian railway.

Immediately on his arrival in Japan's capital Baron Kato was formally appointed minister of foreign affairs which he accepted. His installation ceremony at the Imperial palace today was a solemn and impressive affair.

Baron Kato was born at Nagoya in 1859. After graduation from the law college of the Imperial University he entered the Mitsubishi and became the favorite of the late Yataro Iwasaki, whose daughter he married. Kato next served in the foreign and finance offices, and when Prince Ito formed his cabinet in 1900, Kato was appointed foreign minister. On the formation of the Saionji cabinet in 1906 he again became foreign minister. Baron Kato was opposed to the nationalization of the railways and resigned his office. Subsequently he was appointed ambassador to Great Britain.

COPRA & PEARLS NOW SOUGHT AT FANNING

With a view of exploiting the south sea islands in the interest of copra, pearl, fisheries and kindred industries, the British corporation in which C. N. and F. P. Armstrong of London, Eng., are heavily interested, will inaugurate an aggressive policy in the conduct of affairs at Fanning and Washington islands, according to the brief plan as outlined by Mr. Richard M. Pitt, the newly appointed manager of the company, who reached Honolulu today as a passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria.

"I am delighted to learn that the steamer Kestrel reached port," declared Mr. Pitt, as he glanced over the rail of the Manchuria as the big vessel steamed to a place at Alaka wharf, and for the first time viewed the new possession then moored at the Richard street wharf.

"We hope to build up a profitable trade between the south seas and Honolulu," predicted Mr. Pitt. "Until I receive my cables and late mail I am unable to state definitely just when I shall depart for Fanning island."

BIG WINDFALL FOR PROMOTION

Promotion Secretary H. P. Wood is a happy man today. Happy over a wind of a thousand dollars for promotion work. This amount is a donation from the Honolulu Merchants' Association.

"The Promotion committee were agreeably surprised this morning at receiving a letter from Mr. George G. Guild, secretary of the Merchants' as-

STRIKE NOW THOUGHT SURE

Skippers Receive News of Corporation's Action Silently and Decline to Discuss Further Plans Until Meeting of Harbor Can Be Called—We Shall Know What to Do' Is Statement of Judge Humphreys, and Attorney Ashford, Counsel for the Masters and Pilots

Presenting its side without mincing words, the Inter-Island company, shortly after noon today, returned to the counsel for the local Harbor of the Masters and Pilots association the answer to the demands made in a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Harbor. These demands were to the general effect that the company enter into an agreement whereby the Harbor would have a certain say in the dismissal of its members from the employ of the corporation. The reply of the company was a flat refusal to grant such a request on to enter into such an agreement, but the letter in which the refusal was conveyed to the Harbor wound up with the statement that if the captains care to do so, the company will meet and confer with any committee they may wish to appoint. In spite of this insiders believe that a strike is now certain.

Without committing themselves in any way the members of the special committee appointed by the Harbor intimated that they regarded a walk-out as practically assured.

Speaking for the Harbor, Judge Humphreys, who with Attorney Ashford has been conducting the fight for the masters said:

"NOW KNOW WHAT TO DO"

"We have had our answer and we are now in a position to know what to do. You may use that phrase and the public may with confidence accept all that it implies under the circumstances."

"We have met the enemy and for the time being only, we are slain," said Mr. Ashford, with a grin of delight at the prospect of a fight.

"We are unable to make any statement as yet, what our plans will have to be," said Captain Tullett, chairman of the committee, which has charge of handling the situation for the harbor. "I can not even say that we shall take advantage of the company's offer to meet us in conference. If the committee meets with representatives of the directors it will be the existing committee, I should say."

"No," he added, "I can not venture any sort of a prediction as to what the outcome will be. The company turns us down with a lot of specious reasons. It is up to the harbor to act."

Vice-President McLean, of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, seen just after the framing of the letter, said:

"There is really nothing to be said for the company that is not contained in the letter. We think our position unassailable."

The letter of the company follows: "January 29, 1913.

Honolulu Harbor, No. 54, care Messrs. A. Tullett, M. Oness and O. W. Olsson, Com., and Messrs. A. S. Humphreys and C. W. Ashford, Counsel, Honolulu.

"Gentlemen:—The board of directors of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., at a meeting specially called for the purpose, has given most careful consideration to the communication of your committee, dated January 27, 1913, and addressed to us by authority of a resolution adopted by your Harbor on that date."

"In that letter and resolution you request us to enter into an agreement with your Harbor and with its present and future members during the life of such proposed agreement to the effect that no member of your Harbor shall against his will be dismissed from employment by this company unless (1) by order of the United States inspectors empowered to act in the premises; (2) the party sought to be dismissed shall admit the justice of his dismissal; or (3) such dismissal shall be approved by arbitrators, one of whom shall be appointed by the Harbor, one by this company, and the third in such manner as might be provided in such proposed agreement."

"The communication referred to practically constitutes a demand that the company be compelled to keep in its employment masters and mates,

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